

in the country so as to cover on an average 200 weavers per district. Keeping in view the indigent conditions of weavers in Andhra Pradesh eight additional societies in the 4 district were sanctioned. This will provide long term organisational support to weavers and provide reasonable protection to them from the vagaries of market.

(d) In order to improve the marketability of the products and upgradation of skill of weavers, decentralised training was sanctioned for 300 weavers. The trainees would also be provided with improved accessories.

(e) A Group Insurance Scheme to cover 12,000 weavers in the districts of Guntur, Krishna and Prakasam has been sanctioned and the sheer of Government of India released.

(f) Government of Andhra Pradesh has restored the earlier position which provided for priority in procurement for Government supplies to the handloom sector and handloom agencies.

(g) Government of Andhra Pradesh has arranged distribution of ex-gratis of Rs. 5,000 per family of deceased weaver through non-government agencies. 72 families have been provided such assistance.

(h) 2455 weavers have been sanctioned loans @ Rs. 1,000/= by commercial banks.

(i) Weakness if primary societies has been one of the problems. Apart from the scheme meant for destitute weaves referred to above, Government of Andhra Pradesh has taken steps to hold fresh elections for weavers cooperative societies all over the State so as to revitalise them.

(d) Indian texture and clothing exports are the single biggest commodity exported from the country, accounting for about 25% of all Indian exports. The total handloom

exports constitute 10% of the overall textile and clothing exports in the country. Considering the need to earn foreign exchange, it may not be possible to retain mill cloth for domestic market. Government have however been taking a number of steps to boost exports of handloom products. Under the new quota policy, 3% of textiles quota and 2% of garments quota has been reserved for handlooms.

Loans under PL 480

3903. DR. RAVI MALLU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have been receiving grants under PL: 480 and other programmes from USAID & UNDP;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating sums received and utilised during the last three years;

(c) whether any independent evaluation has been made about the impact of these grants; and

(d) if so, the details thereof indicating improvements proposed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b). Yes Sir. The grants received and utilised under PL: 480 (Title II) of USAID are as follows:-

<i>Indian Fiscal year</i>	<i>value of the commodity received including onfreight</i>
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US \$ (thousand)

Cooperative for American Relief Every where Programme (CARE)

1989-90	62601
1990-91	78268
1991-92 (upto Dec., '91)	49445

Indian Fiscal year *Value of the commodity received including onfreight*

US \$ (thousand)

Catholic Relief Supplies (CRS)

1989-90 16071

1990-91 21793

1991-92 (upto Dec., '91) 13090

UNDP does not provide any grant assistance but extends only technical assistance.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

Cargo Handling Agencies at Major Ports

3904. SHRI LOKANATH CH-
OUDHARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE
TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cargo handling agencies working in major ports:

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to bring forward a uniform pattern of working in respect of cargo handling agencies at all major ports; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE
MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT
(SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There are
mainly seven different kinds of cargo han-
dling agencies working at Major Ports. These
are:

(1) Port Trust.

(2) Dock Labour Board.

(3) Shipping Companies/Steamer
Agents.

(4) Stevedores.

(5) Clearing and Forwarding
Agents.

(6) Transport operators.

(7) Private handling contractors.

(b) and (c). Yes. Sir. Proposals for
merging Dock Labour Boards with the Port
Trust have been received from two Ports.

**Modernisation of British India Corpora-
tion Limited, Kanpur**

3905. SHRI M.V. CHAN-
DRASEKHARA MUR-
THY:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA
PRASAD:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased
to state:

(a) whether the Government have made
a provision of Rs. 53 crore for the moderni-
sation of the British India Corporation group
of companies during the Eight Year Plan
period;

(b) whether the losses in the BIC mills
during the last one year have gone up and
the production capacity of the mills have
fallen considerably;

(c) if so, whether the Government pro-
pose to restructure the management with
experienced one before investing Rs. 53
crores in BIC mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not,
the reasons therefor?